

MAY 5 1928

Mr. A.J. Montgomery

My Dear Sir.

Received your letter of Dec. 9 on March 24

The last mail went a month ago but a reindeer man is in the village and he will take mail as far as Kotzebue for us.

I sent you a letter in July stating that I would like my checks to be sent to the Fourth National Bank of Wichita. Wichita Kansas

The letter may have been lost or mis placed. So will you send my checks immediately to the Fourth National Bank . 200 E, Douglas Wichita Kansas. Will you please send as soon as possible as I will need the money as soon as I leave here.

Have had a very pleasant year here Dr. and Mrs. Newhall and myself have gotten along nicely.

This has not been a very busy year have had very little sickness.

Just at present I am busy taking care of a baby. One of the reindeer herders brought his wife in from the herd some 70 miles up the coast. They had been married about a year and she was 18 years old. They got as far as Point Barrow in 3 days and were going to stay with her mother a few days but about 11 o'clock the first night she got sick his dogs had traveled all day and did not go good so he harnesses him self with the dogs and run all the way 11 miles to the hospital. They got here just in time. the woman was in labor and at 2.45 she was delivered of an 8 lb boy and at 3 she was delivered of a 6 lb boy. Every thing went well.

The next morning I told her she would have to make a big parky to carry 2 babies. and he said they were not going to keep them both that they would see which one they wanted and would give the other to an eskimo family I could hardly understand that. But that is a custom with the eskimo. The second baby was not as strong as the first so I suggested to Dr. that he let me keep it till the boat come this summer and I leave and if the nurse that follows me wants to care for it let her do it till it can live on the native food. So Dr. talked with the father and we have the baby and he is doing fine is 24 days old and has gained about a pound. The father is a half breed and the mother a full breed but the baby looks like it might be half althou it is a quarter breed. The native women never let a baby stop them from doing their work or any thing else they want to do so I decided that this baby would not hamper me either. So I made a snow shirt long in the back and the last 2 Sundays I have gone to church and taught my Sunday school class

The first Sunday he was cross but yesterday he was good and I not only had him on my back but I had the native woman that was telling the story in eskimo to the children on my lap/ as he was cross and hard for her to manage. and I could jig back forwards and forwards as well as any eskimo/. It is a pleasure to care for him althou a baby makes work.

You asked for an address of some of my people but I think it will be rather late when you get this but My sister's address is Mrs J.H. Calbeck 614 N. Sergeant Joplin Mo. and that will be my address when I reach home.

I am planning on leaving in the Northland when she comes this summer.

Wilkins is here now and expects to fly about the 5th of Apr.

We are having them to dinner to morrow evening.

It had been very cold for a while is warmer now 49 below was the coldest I go hiking at 30 below and it does not seem so cold if the wind does not blow.

Thanking you for your trouble

I am cordially yours

Emily Morgan

May 11, 1928.

Miss Emily Morgan,
Barrow, Alaska.

My dear Miss Morgan:

The treasurer's office has informed me that they are sending a check for the amount of salary due you from July 1, 1927 to March 31, 1928 as follows:

A \$100. advance was made you and of that amount \$62.50 was not used for travel. You retained that. The whole amount due was \$562.50. This would leave a balance of \$500. A check in this amount has gone to the Wichita bank. From April 1, 1928 up to the time of your leaving the bank will receive a check monthly of \$62.50 to be deposited to your account. We are enclosing herewith vouchers to our treasurer as his authorization for the payments which he has made. Hereafter kindly assign and send at your early convenience the one marked for \$500. in order that our treasurer's account may be square in that respect and then when you come to leave Barrow will you kindly fill out a voucher for each month of service subsequent to April 1, 1928 at the rate of \$62.50 per month. This will then be our treasurer's authorization for these payments which are to be made during the summer time.

We add regret that you are leaving the work at Barrow. You have been faithful and satisfactory and have done a good work. Dr. Newhall has spoken very kindly and very enthusiastically of your work. I want to add my own word of appreciation of your kindness and to express the hope that some time in the future possibly we may be able to cooperate with you in some other plans that may be more satisfactory to yourself than work in such an isolated point as Barrow.

Yours very cordially,

A. J. Montgomery, Director,
Town and Country Department.

JUN 23 1928

May 16-28
Barrow Alaska.

Dear Mr. Montgomery

Received your letter of the
9 in the March mail I answered and sent
it to Kantzebue by the gov. man that was
here then but was not sure you would
get it and as I have a chance to send
this by plain to Fairbanks will write
again

We are getting along fine. We have not
had a great deal of Hospital work to do the
village has been unusually well. I am
taking care of a native baby. the mother
had twins and as they are reindeer herders
and live in ice houses and move with
the herd they said they could not care
for two and would give one away so I
talked with Dr. and we kept the smaller
one. he was born March 2. weighed 6
lbs and last Thursday he weighed $10\frac{1}{4}$

I have him on eagle brand and coronation
and he seems to be doing well. I am getting
very much attached to him.

The father & mother took Benton and we have Benton.

Will you please send my salary to the

Fourth National Bank. 200 E. Douglas
Wichita Kans and ask them to deposit it
to my credit as I have an account there.
Will you send it at once as I will need it
in coming home this summer.

I may be ~~on~~ my soon after you get this
but my Sister's address is Mrs J. H. Calbeck
614 M. Sergeant Joplin Mo. and that will
be my home address when I get to the
States.

We were glad to hear that Wilkins made it
across he was here about 8 weeks.

He left his little vicinny set here and Mr.
Vincent the school teacher followed him for

17½ hours. I think from what they say he
is the only one that followed him.

The native boys here are getting the loose key
sets and are practicing and will soon be
able to pick up messages I think that

if some one would send in a short wave
receiving set like the one Wilkins left with
M. A. Vincent that Fred the Janitor here and some
of the other young boys would soon get so they
could take messages. and later on get so they
could send messages. Wilkins send from the
helos here all the time he was in Bamou,
I have had a very pleasant year in Bamou
the work has gone well. and Dr & Mrs Newhall
& myself have gotten on well together.

I have been in Alaska 5 years now ~~to~~ and I
think it is time to go home.

I do not think my church (Methodists) liked
it very ^{well} because I came here for a year. but
I think it will be all right when I get home.
I only came for three years and I stayed with
them & so I do not think they could complain
any. I wanted experience in a native village
that was not contaminated with the white trash
as they are in Nome. and I have my experience.
The teachers got word that they would build a
new school this year to replace the one that was
burnt.

There are some ~~movemen~~ men here and they are
bringing a radio set ~~receiving~~ & sending set.
There are 5 of them and they will stay till

the boats come. they come by plain.
will send you a note when I get
home this summer.

Yours sincerely

Emily Morgan.

June 7

P.S. The men are all felled, and
are here in the Hospital
I were out 9 days and did not have
much to eat. their feet are in bad
condition.

The other man was brought in
to day he lived on Lemming and is in
better shape. They are sort of a mouse with
out a tail foxes live on them.
He has snow blindness.

one plain goes out to day.

E M.

Dear Mr Montgomery

AUG 20 1928

Received your letter
just before leaving Banow. Suppose
Mr Newhall has written you all
about the Fox film people coming
to Banow and getting across the
tundra, and of Mr Menil's illness
and of me leaving the hospital
and coming home with him on
the plane. I was sorry not to
stay my last month but could
not turn down the air trip.
We had a very pleasant trip Mr
Menil was very weak the first day
But I had a small hospital in the
plane. Mr Wier the pilot took out
the base board in the plane so Mr
Menil could lay down straight and
then I had a chair just beside
him and at my feet I had a box
with food and the drugs I needed
and in the little pocket above I had
a bed pan, urinal, gauze and cotton
and a few other things. I fed him
every 2 hours, took his temperature

Counted his pulse & etc.

Ralph Wien piloted Mr Menil's plane from Banow to Fairbanks

The first day July 5 - we got to Kotzebue and took the pt. to Miss Colly's apartment for the night. the next day we flew to Nome was 3 hours in the air. Mr Menil was so tired we decided to rest 3 or 4 days so he went to the Hospital in Nome after we were ready to start the weather was bad so we were in Nome 2 weeks

When we did start we were $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs in the air till we were caught in a rain storm and lit on a sand bar on the Yukon just opposite Kaltag. It was raining so hard I thought best to keep Mr Menil in the plane all night rather than take him across the river in a boat. So I fixed me a bed as best I could on the pilot's seat, and we put through a rather miserable night. the plane leaked some and the

was not very comfortable. at 8 a.m.
we were on our way again was 4 hrs
to Fairbanks, 26 hours in the plane
6½ hours in the air. all told were 18
hours in the air to Fairbanks. Mrs.
Munil came to Fairbanks to be with
her husband so I came on to Anchorage
on the train. And he came the next day.
The trip was rather hard on him
so I stayed with him 4 days after he
got home. He is improving and will soon
be up and around.

I saw Rev Joel + Grieb on the way.
I am going to work at the gov.
Hospital in Anchorage a month as they
are short of nurses. They are getting
another one. And then it will not put
me in the States in such hot weather.
I will visit the Jessi Lee Home
at Seward and think I will also stop
at Sitka.

you said in your letter you started my
Salary July 1st, ²⁷ I worked in the Hospital in
Nome till Aug 1st and did not reach Barrow
till Aug 31. Then I left July 5. I do not
know just how to count it.

Now I did not charge Mr Munil for

my time in traveling, and I had to freight
my trunk & box out, so I thought if you
allowed me the same as my expenses
in (\$37.50) it would be a square deal.

I do not know how to fill these
vouchers out. I think perhaps you
will have sent me more money
than is coming to me by the
time you get this letter.

If you will figure it out and
you have I will gladly refund.

and sign the Voucher.

I expect to leave here about Sept 1st
and will reach home the latter
part of Sept.

You can address me
at 614 N. Sergeant
Japhin Ms.

Regret leaving the work at Banow also
the Baby as the father would not let
me bring it home with me.

your friend

Emily Morgan

November 23, 1928

Miss Bettie J. Fell
46 Model Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey

My dear Miss Fell:

Your letter of November 22nd has come to my desk. The Hospital at Barrow, Alaska is the northernmost institution of that kind on the American Continent. The present building was erected in 1920 and full hospital service set up at that time. The staff consists of a doctor, a housekeeper and two nurses. The hospital is equipped with eight beds and in addition maintains outside the building a clinic and public welfare work. The present resident doctor is Dr. A. W. Newhall who will take his furlough in the summer of 1929. He will be replaced by Dr. H. W. Greist.

I am unable to verify the story that the hospital grew out of the suggestion of Dr. Grafton Burke and the late Archdeacon Stuck. As a matter of fact, the work at Barrow began in 1890. The first missionary was a school teacher, but shortly after his withdrawal a medical missionary was sent in and he did what work was possible for him to do without a hospital. From the very beginning we contemplated a hospital at this point, although it was years before we were able to secure the money necessary for such an expensive undertaking.

I have no personal knowledge of Dr. Burke's work and only know of it by report. I am very happy to say, however, that all the reports which I have heard of his work are most excellent and commendatory and I have come to believe that he is doing an heroic service in a strategic point amongst the native populations of the Upper Yukon.

Hoping that this will assist you and be satisfactory, I am,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

AJM/vp

